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A HOME OF OUR OWN!

The best laid plans. . . Well, it seems that (as you know by now) we have postponed our plans to visit the Bush Street Synagogue, since the Zen Buddhist group that is currently using the building could not clearly confirm our use of the building on May 22. As soon as that date can be established, we will let you know in a mailing. Stay tuned. . .

At the Congregational Meeting on May 16 an update was presented on the status of the building campaign. Questions were asked and many members have continued to offer their support for the campaign. The Building Campaign Committees mentioned in the May *Forward* are still forming.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Committees (Administrative Support, Finance, Fundraising, Public Relations, Special Activities, and Negotiations) and if you have not signed up, please call Mark Feldman at 648-5556 and indicate your Committee preference.

Allan Gold, who has done an excellent job as financial secretary of the Building Campaign, reports that 29% of pledges-to-date have been redeemed, and when you are talking about almost \$200,000 in total pledges, that's quite good at this point in the campaign!

They are out there listening! An alert Congregation member from the Gold Country noticed a paragraph in the April, 1982 *Western States Jewish Historical Quarterly* about our building campaign. After seeing a December report in the *Jewish Bulletin*, the editors wrote that our attempt to restore the Bush Street Synagogue is the second (not the first) Synagogue restoration attempt. In 1870, Congregation Sherith Israel moved to a new location and Congregation Shaari Zedeck moved into the Taylor and Post Streets location. Keeping this burning historical controversy raging on, I noticed that there was no time lag between the synagogue's use by both Congregations. Since this doesn't represent "restoration," but rather, "continued use," W.S.J.H.Q—we stand by our claim! And thanks for the interest!

—Mark Feldman

Late Flash!!

Reserve Saturday night, July 17 for Great Outdoor Adventures' **Gay and Lesbian night at the Circus**. More details in our next issue.

Semi-Annual Meeting Report

More than 110 of our 260 members gathered on Sunday, May 16, for the Congregation's semi-annual meeting. Reports from our president, rabbi, treasurer, coordinator and committee chairs brought everyone up to date on our progress and mapped out directions for the coming year. All of the By-Laws revisions to smoothen out our operations and to change our membership year, to coincide with our July 1 to June 30 year, were approved.

Officers elected on one year terms are Cheryl Orvis, president; Mike Rankin, vice president; Allan Gold, treasurer; and Aaron Cooper, recorder.

Va'ad members elected to two year terms are Cathy Nelson, Harry Lutrin, Marilyn Miller and Irene Ogus. Glenn Friedman was elected to serve the one year remaining term left vacant by Mike Rankin's election to office.

Earned recognition and profound thanks go to the Elections Committee for their hard work. Chair Leila Raim and members Don Albert, Mike Freedland, David Gellman, Rob Montague and Laurie Radovsky did an excellent job. Similarly, By-Laws Committee members Mike Freedland, David Gass, Ellis Jacobs, Cathy Nelson, Cheryl Orvis and Leila Raim have our thanks as well, for their thoughtful and thorough review and recommendations. ■

Women's Havurah to "Feed Jewishly"

Sunday, June 20, promises a delicious afternoon for the Woman's Havurah, whose program is entitled, "Feeding Your Lover Jewishly."

A half-dozen or so favorite foods—cholent, chicken soup, chopped liver, and others—will be prepared by volunteers who will also share recipes and secrets of their culinary arts.

It all begins at 5 p.m. at the home of Leila Raim and Catherine Wisniewski, 197 Beaumont (near Turk and Stanyan), San Francisco. Phone the synagogue office, 621-2871 for reservations, then bring a hearty appetite and \$2 (to cover the cost of the food) for a most enjoyable time. ■

President's Column

The congregational year is drawing to a close; but the continuity which we have established is clearly evident. Our programmatic committees are not winding down their activities, but rather, changing chairs, acquiring new members and setting new goals. Our election on May 16 has resulted in a new Va'ad with a blending of old and new leadership. The congregation has selected individuals with a wide variety of experiences and opinions to lead us during the coming year. I look forward to working with the new leadership, understanding the need for both continuity and change.

The leadership of the congregation is responsible for providing opportunities for participation by the membership, as well as direction of the activities and policies on an ongoing basis. Many of the issues which come before the Va'ad for review and action are the result of dedicated committee work. The programs and services of which we can justifiably be proud are the work of many active members of the congregation. Some issues, especially those involving personnel matters, have traditionally been kept confidential within the Va'ad in order to promote open and clear communication within our leadership.

Our wonderful growth during this past year has made it more difficult for all of our members to be as informed and involved as they once were. In this context the congregation and rabbi have jointly requested the National Commission on Rabbinical-Congregational Relations of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to work with us in communicating, considering and resolving our differing role expectations. Our continued growth and development as a vibrant, multi-faceted congregation will require new methods of communication and understanding if we are to avoid the negative consequences of rapid growth. I was pleased by the excellent attendance at our annual meeting and the partici-

pation of 60% of our members in the elections. A continuity of this interest and involvement will assure our commitment to excellence.

As a religious community committed to serving the needs of an oppressed minority, we have a special responsibility to support the development of relationships which provide a sense and feeling of mishpocheh. Old members and new must demonstrate the existence of this special feeling through a respect for each other which transcends our disagreements and differences.

We are committed to participation in a wide range of community and social issues, but we are first and foremost a Jewish religious community. We have joined together not just to fulfill the religious life cycle ceremonies, but rather because our congregation is dedicated to providing us with the opportunity to live full and complete Jewish lives, without shame, guilt and unacceptable pain. We have a right and responsibility to demand of our entire leadership, elected and rabbinical, qualities of judgment and decision-making which are of the highest standards.

Too often, being a gay man or lesbian has meant a lifetime of secrecy and an acceptance of second-class status with expectations of mediocrity. Coming out of the closet is a lot more than living openly in the Bay area and being a member of Sha'ar Zahav. To claim the freedom which is our right requires a commitment to high ideals, lofty goals, hard work and often painful self- and congregational-evaluation. Congregation Sha'ar Zahav belongs to all of us, and to the thousands who will come after us, to find acceptance, love and peace. Each of us individually, and not just our brothers or sisters, is challenged to help make our dreams of a Community and Home come true.

—Shalom V'Ahava
Paul J. Cohen

East Bay Luncheon Set

On June 24, the East Bay Gourmands of Sha'ar Zahav will once again meet for a delectable high noon lunch. The Rusty Pelican, 2445 Mariner Square, Alameda, has been chosen for this eating adventure. Those who want to join us for a good lunch, lots of humor and good conversation, please call Sharyn at 821-7846 by June 17 for reservations.

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Nuclear War: What's In It For You?

On Tuesday evening, June 22, a program on the effects of nuclear war and what we, as individuals, can do to prevent it, is being co-sponsored by the Congregation and New College of California.

The Last Epidemic, a film about the consequences of a nuclear attack on San Francisco, will be shown, followed by a discussion of how individuals can work towards a solution. Josh Baron, the Bay Area coordinator for Ground Zero, will lead our discussion and answer questions.

The program will be held at New College, 777 Valencia Street, San Francisco, at 8 p.m. There will be no admission charge. For further information, call Bruce Katz, 929-8479.

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend Postponed

The first annual Scholar-in-Residence program for Sha'ar Zahav originally scheduled for June 18 has been postponed. Our July newsletter will have full details on the rescheduled weekend.

From Where I Stand

Amidst all the controversy about nuclear power and weapons, I had a fantasy about Israel ten years from now. I envisioned the parched Negev flowing with wheat fields, irrigated by water pumped from the nuclear-powered desalinization plants at the Dead Sea. Are there such plants? Will there be wheat in the Negev? It hardly seems likely when we only hear about the overkill potential of the escalating nuclear arms race.

This overarching concern about the future of humanity on this planet gives pause for further reflection. Thousands of years ago, Judaism teaches, God gave the Hebrews the Law at Mount Sinai. The Law was a gift, not a loan, and the intention in giving the gift was that we take responsibility for changing our lives for the better through observing the Law. The Torah was to be a guideline for the Jews, from that time on, showing us the way in which we should go if we were to remain on the land which God was giving us.

Once again we have made decisions which threaten our very survival, and some of the more "civilized" among us are calling for a fundamental change in our way of thinking about the way we plan for life and death on earth. Such changes require intensive self-searching and a willingness to have our values challenged. These processes are similar in some ways to those which people go through when they make a choice to become Jews. There are risks, gains and losses, fears, challenges, and, for some, complete changes in ways of thinking.

Our recent observance of the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot), the celebration of the giving of the Law, coincides with our reading of the Book of Ruth. The story of Ruth chronicles choosing to become a Jew, choosing to change her life for what she hoped would be the better. Ruth's choosing Judaism has become the paradigm for those who followed her, and our emphasis on her story further dramatizes our own openness to accepting those who choose to cast their lot with us.

In short, people are constantly faced with choices which can change their lives. The choice to change our way of thinking from nuclear weapons to safe nuclear power is as critical a change as that of changing the foundations of faith. It is a fundamental principle of Judaism that we embrace those whose choices are for life, health, and a better world.

—Rabbi Allen B. Bennett

Gift Opportunities Expand

In past issues of the *Forward*, we have encouraged our members and friends to consider a contribution to the Congregation as a way of, for example, saying "Happy Birthday" or "Happy Anniversary" to loved ones. You can still do that, of course, in honor or in memory of anyone or for any occasion.

But have you considered some other opportunities, such as the fact that it's Tuesday, or in honor of your promotion at work, or commemorating the occasion of your *finally* clearing all those stacks of papers off your desk? The possibilities are endless and boggle the mind.

Whatever occasion *you* may have in mind, though, contact Ernie Weinstein at 566-1985 for details. And remember that our beautifully-designed gift card is available in two versions: with or without the lambda in our logo.

Va'ad Report

The issue of nuclear disarmament will be a focus of future Social Action Committee activities, its was announced on Sunday, May 9 at the Va'ad meeting. The Va'ad approved a motion that the congregation co-sponsor with New College of California, the well-known film *The Last Epidemic*, detailing the consequences of a nuclear attack on San Francisco.

An *ad hoc* committee to determine a congregational policy on the participation of minors reported that its recommendation will probably be to welcome and encourage the involvement of minors in committee work and worship, but to restrict actual formal membership to minors with parental consent. The committee is continuing to study the potential legal ramifications of minors' participation in the congregation.

Jerry Rosenstein, a member of our Holocaust Committee and a survivor, has offered to represent Sha'ar Zahav and speak to the Coalition for Human Rights and the Mayor's Commission to Commemorate the Six Million, concerning the congregation's position on the creation of a memorial. The congregation has voted to play a conciliatory role between the Jewish community, which seeks to memorialize specifically the Jewish victims, and elements of the gay community, who want the memorial to include specifically gay and lesbian victims. The congregation hopes to facilitate the creation of a "living memorial" to the gay and lesbian Holocaust victims in the form of an endowed and ongoing lecture and educational program.

Bruce Katz reported that \$2,275 has been raised towards the goal of \$3,000 in the "Chai Campaign" to aid Ethiopian Jewry. A decision will be made at a future meeting concerning the percentages of monies to be allocated to either or both the Israeli government and the American Association for Ethiopian Jewry.

The Board of Directors of Jewish Family & Children's services has voted recently to join the Bureau of Jewish Education in co-sponsoring with Sha'ar Zahav a one-day conference on the professional needs and services to gay and lesbian Jews, according to conference coordinator Aaron Cooper. Members interested in planning and participating in this program for the non-gay Jewish community should contact Aaron at 549-0505.

Since the Women's Havurah has reached considerable size and status during the past year, its Planning Committee was formally established as a new standing committee of the congregation.

Va'ad members Shelley Fernandez and Mike Rankin were approved as official delegates to the Seventh International Conference of Gay & Lesbian Jews, to be held July 4 weekend in Los Angeles. Cathy Nelson will serve as alternate.

The next Va'ad meeting will be held on Sunday, June 13, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Berkeley. Phone the synagogue office, 621-2871, for directions.

Next Meeting

Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee has begun to analyze, identify and recommend responses to the needs and concerns of the members of the Congregation. Plan to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, June 29. Call Bruce Katz at 929-8479 for details.

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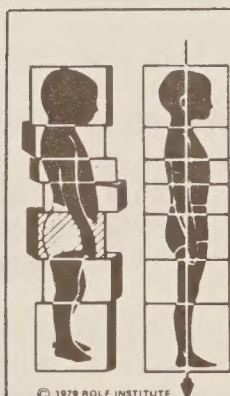
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Liturgy Workshop Set

Rabbi Allen B. Bennett will conduct a liturgy workshop on Saturday, June 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at his home, 1650 Page Street (near Ashbury), San Francisco.

The workshop, conducted periodically, focuses on the theology of our prayerbook and is for persons who may be interested in leading services as well as for those who want to enrich their understanding of Jewish rituals.

If you plan to participate, please call Rabbi Bennett at 621-2871 or speak with him at services.

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Ritual Calendar

Friday, June 4
Torah: Naso Numbers 4:21-7:89
Haftorah: Judges 13:2-25
 Rabbi Allen B. Bennett, Services

Friday, June 11
Torah: Be-Ha'alotkha Numbers 8:1-12:16
Haftorah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7
 Ritual Committee and Friends, Services

Friday, June 18
Torah: Shelah Lekha Numbers 13:1-15:41
Haftorah: Joshua 21:1-24
 Rosh Hodesh Tammuz
 Rabbi Allen B. Bennett, Services

Friday, June 25
Torah: Korah Numbers 16:1-18:32
Haftorah: I Samuel 11:14-12:22
 Marilyn Miller and Mike Rankin, Services

Everyone is welcome to join us for Shabbat services each Friday at 8:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street (at Presidio), San Francisco.

Opportunities

The Jewish Family: Tradition and Transition" is the theme for the American Jewish Congress' 16th annual Kalah weekend, to be held June 11 to 13 at Asilomar (near Monterey). The weekend encompasses an in-depth look at the Jewish family: what special elements shape it, its values, problems and pressures, and what lies ahead for Jewish families facing the uncertainties of the 80s. For further information, call AJCongress at 391-6590.

Sha'ar Zahav, a member of the Coalition for Human Rights, is pleased that the CHR and the Media Alliance are presenting a one-day conference on effective media relations for lesbian and gay organizations and individuals. "Changing Images" is for people who want to improve their media relations skills, are concerned about perceptions of gays and lesbians in the media, and who want to explore ways to coordinate and network media access. It's scheduled for Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at New College of California, 777 Valencia Street, San Francisco. For registration and further information, contact Mark Feldman at 648-5556.

The Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry announces an Art Exhibit and Auction to be held Saturday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Brotherhood Way Jewish Community Center, 655 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco. Works by artists such as Dali, Neiman, Calder, Rockwell, Eidenberger and Boulet will be on display and available at auction. RSVP by June 7, 585-1400.

A special summer course in Gay Literature taught by local poet Aaron Shurin, is being offered at New College of California starting June 1 and continuing for six weeks. Shurin will discuss issues of homosexuality dating from the seventh century B.C.E., when Sappho of Lesbos sang, with

an emphasis on contemporary writers. Social and literary attitudes towards lesbian and male gayness, aspects of style, and the conjunction of politics and esthetics will be examined. The course has a fee of \$90, or \$270 for full college credit, and is offered as part of a broad range of humanities-oriented classes being given this summer at New College, 777 Valencia St., San Francisco, 94110. For further information call 626-1694. Ask for Mark Feldman

Mira's Kabballah Koffee House, a hidden treasure of the Jewish Community Center, features a dinner and refreshment menu as well as some of the best entertainment in the City. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. Some upcoming and very special events include the D'vora Berman Trio performing Latin ballads and jazz on Wednesday, June 9, Chapel and David Hold performing jazz piano and vocals on Wednesday, June 16 and Voz/do Samba playing their special brand of Brazilian music for listening and dancing pleasure on Thursday, June 17. On Saturday, June 19, the featured guests will be master African drummer Kwaku Daddey and the I-World reggae band. Admission is \$8.00. Wednesday, June 23, classic music lovers can enjoy Dan Reiter and Friends. So, you've wondered what that sign at the JCC is all about? Now you know! Enjoy.

A newly discovered series of naif oil paintings of the Prague Jewish Quarter at the turn-of-the-century are on view at the Magnes Museum from June 21 through August 29, 1982. A preview reception will be held on Sunday, June 20, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. These paintings have never been publically exhibited, and are being shown at this time in conjunction with KAFKA-PRAGUE, the extensive exhibition of photographs and documentary material on the life of Franz Kafka, on view at the Magnes during the same dates. The Magnes Museum is located at 2911 Russell St., in Berkeley, 849-2710.

Farewell

By the time you read this, our beloved committee coordinator, Michael Freedland, will be in Washington, D.C.

Mike joined Sha'ar Zahav two and a half years ago. He served as Finance Chair in 1980 and a Va'ad member in 1980 and 1981-82. When the position of committee coordinator was created, Mike was one of the first coordinators appointed. He worked tirelessly at the beginning of this year to help establish committees and recruit members for them, and ran goal-setting meetings for each one. We feel he is largely responsible for making our committees as active and successful as they are this year. We only hope that our sibling congregation in Washington, D.C. appreciates the wonderful new member they're about to get!

A Reminder

The Seventh International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews is scheduled for the Fourth of July weekend at the Sheraton-Universal Hotel in North Hollywood. The Conference has an exciting and stimulating program of workshops, services and parties scheduled. For a complete registration packet, write Registration, Seventh International Conference, P.O. Box 35771, Los Angeles, CA 90035. Plan to attend.

A New Twist

Mind you, the members of the Newsletter Committee are well aware of all the forces that compete for everyone's time and energy. But we recognize too, that things like deadlines and meetings *don't* have to be dreaded or boring.

So, we're beginning a new tactic with our new program year. Thursday, June 10, happens to be the deadline for copy for the July *Forward*, so we will meet at Chuck Norton's home at 7 p.m. for a delicious potluck dinner and our regular business meeting.

Those with articles for the *Forward* are invited to join us for dinner and/or the meeting, or, if your schedule demands it, just stop in, say hello and leave your copy with us.

Members who would like to become active on the Newsletter Committee are cordially invited as well.

We figure that work and fun can happen in the same evening. So call Chuck at 431-9721 for directions and menu coordination. We'll see you then!

What means this?

Bikur Cholim

In both the traditional and literal sense, "Bikur Cholim" is a group of members who visit the sick. The scope of our group, however, is much more encompassing. Among the traditional "mitzvot" performed are in fact visits to the elderly in nursing homes, hospitals, and at home, especially during the holiday seasons. We visit and call on members who are ill and try to provide needed services, such as shopping, pet care, plant watering, and generally strive to improve the welfare and well-being of our members.

Presently the Bikur Cholim has reactivated our Blood Bank Program under the leadership of Jerry Rosenstein. We urge donors to build up our account at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank on which *all* members may draw in case of emergency. Please contact Jerry at 921-0581 if you can make this precious gift.

A committee is also researching traditional and non-traditional funeral arrangements and the acquisition of our own cemetery section. More information about this will be available to members, along with a fact sheet on Death & Dying, now being prepared. Bikur Cholim will also explore options for Sha'ar Zahav members for health insurance at attractive group rates. (Yet another incentive if you haven't joined yet.)

We *always* need more members on the committee. Whether you care to work on the "Chicken Soup" outreach or prefer planning for our community, the more participation we have, the more services we can offer. To become involved, please check the calendar for meetings or call our chair, Betty Kalis at 821-6780 or 221-2265.

When you are ill, or know of another member who is ill, please notify the synagogue office so that one of us can be in touch.

—Glenn Friedman

A Pair of P.R. Committee Meetings

Sha'ar Zahav's Public Relations Committee has held two meetings since its last report in the *Forward*. Under the leadership of Mark Feldman and Sharyn S., who are now acting as co-chair, the Committee first drafted, then approved a Statement of Purpose, including specific goals and objectives. It has been presented to the Va'ad for adoption.

The Public Relations Committee has been asked to develop new stationery for the Congregation. Creative members are asked to send their ideas and suggestions to Mark Feldman, 174B Liberty Street, San Francisco 94110 by June 15, 1982.

The Public Relations Committee's next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 23, at Mark Feldman's home. If you would like to work with the Committee on any or all of its upcoming projects, do plan to attend.

—Duff Kreitzberg

Spirituality and Creativity

Dr. Stanley M. Wagner, director of the Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Denver, invites participation in compiling a new volume, *Prayers for All Moods*, containing nondenominational, original personal prayers. If you would like to contribute your own work, contact Rabbi Bennett at 621-2871 for further information.

Calendars, Anyone?

The Jewish Calendar 5743 will be available soon at \$4 each from the Congregation.

Once again, editors Michael Strassfeld and Richard Siegel have compiled a beautiful and meaningful guide to the Jewish year. The calendar features interesting facts and information about Jewish history, religion, and everyday life in America and Israel in addition to Sabbath and holiday candlelighting times. The engagement format is the same as last year: 128 pages; 50 illustrations; 6" x 9" spiral bound.

To help us determine our order, please call the Synagogue office, 621-2871 and let us know how many copies you want. ■

May Onegs

We thank the following members who sponsored onegs during the month of May:

- 7 Mark Drusin, Ernie Weinstein and David Glassberg, in honor of their friendship and of Mark's grandmother's yahrzeit.
- 14 Shelly Spiro and Irene Ogus, in honor of Gabrielle's birthday.
- 21 Linda Michaels and Laurie Rudovsky, in honor of Daniel Chesir's graduation from law school and Michael Freedland's new position in Washington, D.C.
- 28 Lenny Brill and Rick Sanjour, in honor of their tenth anniversary.

Festival of Prayer: Solidary and Silence

The Council on Religion and the Homosexual is co-sponsoring a day of prayer and vigil, commencing at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 13 at Trinity Episcopal Church, and ending at 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 20th, with an hour-long Inter-Faith Prayer Service in St. Mary's Cathedral.

This Festival of Prayer is a gathering of people in the gay and lesbian community and their friends in the spirit of festival and celebration, along with a deep searching for God in prayer and in other people. Phone 621-2223 for further information. ■

Outreach

Services are held in Sacramento on the second Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the chapel of B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Drive. Members and friends in the Sacramento area are encouraged to attend the June 11 service, and to become involved in other Sha'ar Zahav activities as well. For further information, contact Stephen Klein at (916) 673-7215.

Jewish History Havurah

An informal group meets at the home of Dave Rosen in the city (Page & Clayton) on the first Saturday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We read a book—historical, literary, contemporary—before each meeting and then discuss it. The next session will take place on June 5. If you are interested, call 552-0118 evenings or weekends.

JCC Program Notes

Our host, the Jewish Community Center, offers a wide range of programs and events. Here is a sampling for June:

Noted consultant and group leader on social and cross-cultural issues, Ricky Sherover-Marcuse will lead a workshop on how Jews experience oppression and internalize aspects of anti-Semitism, Wednesday, June 9, 7 to 10 p.m. Dealing with the subtle and not-so-subtle effects of being Jewish in a Christian culture, exposing stereotypes and taking positive steps towards "unlearning" misinformation are among several aspects being covered in the workshop. The program provides a supportive, non-confrontational environment for Jews to share openly their concerns about this subject. Fee is \$3 members/\$5 public. For more information phone 346-6040.

Beginners and pros can enjoy a night of down-home square dancing, Tuesday, June 8, 8 to 10 p.m. Forty-year veteran of the square dance scene, Ed Dremers will call the figures, with just enough instruction to keep things moving. Partners are not needed to join the fun, and refreshments will be available at Mira's Kaballah Koffee House inside the Center. Fee is \$2 members/\$3 public. For more information phone 346-6040.

Bay Area singles are invited to a series of lectures on life as a single, beginning with "Personal Magnetism and Social Success," Monday, June 14, 7:30 p.m. Dr. James Oldham, psychiatrist, surgeon and author, will lead this first discussion aimed at enhancing the quality of being single. Fee for each lecture is \$5 and includes a wine social following the talk. For more information phone 346-6040. ■

Donations

We thank the following persons, whose contributions to the Congregation were received in March and April:

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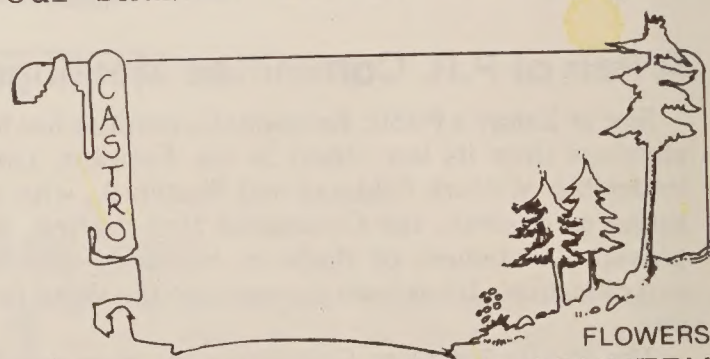
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| 5 | Dora Robinson Feder, grandmother of Rob Montague |
| 7 | Elijah Brauer, grandfather of David Brauer |
| 7 | Deanna Rose Doria, niece of Casey Simon |
| 20 | (29 Sivan) Abraham Herman, father of Don Herman |
| 20 | (29 Sivan) Jay Cohn, brother of Herbert S. Cohn |
| 21 | Virginia Anne Corman, mother of Tanyan Corman |
| 21 | (30 Sivan) Frida Gamburg, mother of Haim Gamburg |
| 22 | Peter David Zakharias, brother of Steve Zakharias |
| 22 | Jim Mack Zakharias, father of Steve Zakharias |
| 26 | Leo Miller, father of Marilyn Miller |

Happy Birthday!!!

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| 2 | Nina Wouk | 23 | Steve Klein |
| 4 | Steve Rosenberg | 24 | Scott Chase |
| 5 | Casey Simon | 24 | Carol Segal |
| 6 | Ernie Weinstein | 26 | Marc Lipschutz |
| 10 | Daniel Chesir | 27 | Sara Sunstein |
| 10 | David Ring | 28 | Josh Friedman |
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PROJECT REUNITE: A Weekend For Improving Your Family Relations

WHAT?

- An educational experience about homosexuality, family life, parents and children, hopes and expectations.
- Six to eight hours of "structured" learning over three days, in which one family participates with the two program leaders.
- Semi-structured "field trips" within the Bay Area for families to learn about the gay/lesbian community in ways that challenge the social stereotypes.

WHERE?

- Days 1 and 3 take place at the San Francisco offices of Jewish Family & Children's Services, 1600 Scott Street. (No formal meeting occurs on Day 2. Specific times for each day will be arranged at the family's convenience.)

WHEN?

- *Project Reunite* is available by appointment according to the interest and schedule of the particular family. In many instances, families will be visiting from out-of-town and Project Reunite will be a part of their visit.

WHO?

- *Project Reunite* co-leaders are psychologists Patricia Blumenthal, Ph.D., Family Life Education coordinator at Jewish Family & Children's Services, and Aaron Cooper, Ph.D., family therapist and Board member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

COST?

- Because *Project Reunite* is supported by the Community Endowment Fund of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, Marin & the Peninsula, there is no fee for participation.

We will be happy to describe the weekend's program in more detail, to discuss ways to enable you to succeed in enlisting your family's participation, and to schedule your weekend.

Please phone Aaron Cooper at (415) 724-4443.

